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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION BRASILIA IMMEDIATE INFO RIO FROM
SAO PAULO JAN 6 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE UNCLAS SAO PAULO 0030

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: WAIVER FOR TEXMACH

REF: BRASILIA 0048

1. RE REFTEL, WAIVER AFFECTS ONLY PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AND CONSUMABLES CONSIGNED TO AMEMBASSY, AND EXEMPTS THESE ITEMS FROM PAYMENT OF REQUIRED DUTIES. THIS REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE SAVING TO EXHIBITORS. CONGEN HAS ALREADY RECEIVED MOST OF THIS MATERIAL AND WILL TRANSFER IT TO ANHEMBI NEXT WEEK.

2. WAIVER UNFORTUNATELY DOES NOT, HOWEVER, GRANT ANY EXEMPTION FROM MERCHANT MARINE TAX OR PORT TAX, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND ARE BEING APPLIED TO MACHINERY BEING EXHIBITED AT TEXMACH. FURTHER, THIS MACHINERY, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION OF THE FAIR AUTHORITY (AMCEL) MUST BE CONSIGNED DIRECTLY TO THE DUTY-FREE WAREHOUSE AT ANHEMBI, AND NOT RPT NOT TO EITHER THE EMBASSY OR CONGEN.

3. WITH CONCURRENCE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, CONGEN PROPOSES THAT EMBASSY SUBMIT URGENTLY NEW REQUEST TO FONOFF IN ORDER OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVER CONVERING CHARGES ASSESSED AGAINST INCOMING SHIPMENTS OF MACHINERY. ACCORDING EUDMARCO, THE OFFICIAL BRO-
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KER/FORWARDER FOR AMCEL, THE FONOFF MUST THEN TRANSMIT THE RE-

QUEST TO THE FINANCE, SINCE ONLY THE FORMER HAS JUSTIFICATION OVER CHARGES INVOLVING THE PORT (EXCEPT, OF COURSE, FOR DUTIES, WHICH ARE NOT RELEVANT HERE SINCE NO DUTIES ARE CHARGED ANYWAY UNLESS THE ITEM IS SOLD AND THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING IN ADVANCE WHICH ITEMS WILL BE SOLD). (FYI: TOTAL CHARGES INVOLVED FOR PORT AND MERCHANT MARINE TAXES EXCEED \$11.000).

4. MFA NOTE SHOULD CONTAIN FOLLOWING TEXT: QTE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BRASILIA AND THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAO PAULO ARE SPONSORING AN OFFICIAL UNITED STATES EXHIBITION WITHIN THE 19TH FENIT (FEIRA NACIONAL DA INDUSTRIA TEXTIL) TO BE HELD AT THE PARQUE ANHEMBI HALL FROM JANUARY 11-19, 1975. MACHINERY AND MATERIAL FOR THIS UNITED STATES EXHIBITION HAS ARRIVED AT THE PORT OF SANTOS FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT TO PARQUE ANHEMBI IN SAO PAULO. THE GOVERNMENT (OR EMBASSY) OF THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AN EXEMPTION OF THE MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX AND THE PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX. IT IS UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMBASSY THAT THE SUPERINTENDENCIA NACIONAL DA MARINHA MERCANTE (SUNAMAN) HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT THE WAIVER FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX AND THAT THE DIRETORIA DE PORTS E VIA NAVEGAVEIS HAS AUTHORITY TO GRANT THE WAIVER FOR THE PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX. IT IS THE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMBASSY THAT BZH OF THESE AGENCIES ARE WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. THE SHIPMENTS ARE CONSIGNED TO ALCANTARA MACHADO AND THE BOXES ARE LABELED AS FOLLOWS:
ALCANTARA MACHADO, CO. EMP. LTDA, ENTRPOSTO ADUANEIRO, PALACIO DAS EXPOSICOES PARQUE ANHEMBI, SAO PAULO, SP, MADE IN USA. TEXMACH. THESE SHIPMENTS ARRIVED ON THE FOLLOWING VESSELS: (EMBASSY SHOULD COPY THIS PART OF NOTE FROM SAO PAULO 2734).. UNQTE.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE APPROPRIATE REVISIONS IN LANGUAGE, BUT IT ESSENTIAL THAT SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO MFA.

6. ACCORDING EUDMARCO, GOB ITSELF SOMEWHAT CONDUCTED ON PROCEDURES, SINCE MINFIN HAS NO AUTHORITY GRANT EXEMPTIONS FOR PORT/MERCHANT MARINE TAXES. SINCE MINFIN HAS ALREADY GIVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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US WHAT WE NEED FOR CONSUMABLES, MFA SHOULD DIRECT EMBASSY NOTE TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. IT POSSIBLE. OF COURSE, REQUEST WILL BE DENIED THERE, BUT DUSEX ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN WHATEVER POSSIBLE FOR TEXMACH, AND WISH PROPER PROCEDURES FOR USE IN REQUESTING SIMILAR WAIVERS FOR PRINT-PACK, AS WELL AS FOOD MACHINERY FAIR IN JULY AND MACHINE TOOL FAIR IN NOVEMBER. HEFLIN UNQUOTE.

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